(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether findings of the report have been made public;

(d) whether corrective measures have been initiated on the findings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission had sponsored a socio-economic research study on 'Economic and Fiscal Impact of Royalty Rates of Coal and Lignite in India' . The study was conducted by the Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. The study report has been placed on the Planning Commission's website (www.planningcommission) for dissemination among the public.

(d) and (e) The study report has been circulated among concerned State Governments and the Ministry of Coal for information and appropriate action.

Jatropha plantation

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SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has submitted any proposal to Government to launch a nation-wide Jatropha plantation with a view to generate biofuels to tap non-conventional sources of energy in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Report prepared by a Committee constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended plantation of Jatropha on 4 lac hectares of waste land, collect seed and process it during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The oil generated is proposed to be blended with diesel after tranesterification to substitute imported diesel.